

Supplemental Table 1. Analytical reactivity and cross-reactivity analyses.

Organism				Source	Test concentration	Total positives by Singulex Clarity C. diff toxins A/B assay (n, number of replicates tested)
<i>C. difficile</i> strains						
ATCC Strain	Toxinotype	Ribotype	<i>tcdA/tcdB</i> status			
630	0	012	+/+	ATCC BAA-1382	3.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
N/A	IIIb	027	+/+	ATCC BAA-1805	6.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
VPI 10463	0	087	+/+	ATCC 43255	6.9 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
W1194	0	005	+/+	ATCC 43594	6.3 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
545	0	012	+/+	ATCC 43596	1.9 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
2022	0	001	+/+	ATCC 43599	1.3 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
2149	0	014	+/+	ATCC 43600	1.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
870	0	001	+/+	ATCC 17857	1.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
1253	0	054	-/+	ATCC 17858	4.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
14797-2	0	005	+/+	ATCC 700792	2.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	0	220	+/+	ATCC BAA-1806	1.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	0	020	+/+	ATCC BAA-1808	7.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	0	057	+/+	ATCC BAA-1811	8.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	0	002	+/+	ATCC BAA 1813	8.6 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	0	076	+/+	ATCC BAA-1815	7.7 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL	3/3
4206	0	207	+/+	ATCC BAA-1872	4.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
LBM 0801058	XXII	251	+/+	ATCC BAA-2155	5.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
LBM 0801040	0	118	+/+	ATCC BAA-2156	5.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
N/A	0	014	+/+	ATCC 43597	5.9 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	2/3
BDMS 18 AN	0	001	+/+	ATCC 51695	2.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
3232	N/A	010	-/-	ATCC BAA-1801	7.9 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
Not ATCC strain	IIIc	027	+/+	ATCC BAA-1803	7.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	0	053	+/+	ATCC BAA-1804	7.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Not ATCC strain	XII	024	+/+	ATCC BAA-1812	8.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
5325	V	078	+/+	ATCC BAA-1875	7.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
90556-M6S	0	001	+/+	ATCC 9689	6.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	2/2
1470	VIII	017	-/+	ATCC 43598	8.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	2/2
Not ATCC strain	XXII	251	+/-	ATCC BAA-1814	8.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
4118	IIIb	027	+/+	ATCC BAA-1870	7.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3

1351	N/A	060	-/-	ATCC 43593	6.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
7322	N/A	031	-/-	ATCC 43601	1.3 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL	0/3
4111	0	001	+/+	ATCC BAA-1871	2.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
5283	0	053	+/+	ATCC BAA-1873	1.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
4205	0	002	+/+	ATCC BAA-1874	1.3 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
CCUG 20309	N/A	N/A	N/A	CCUG 26891	1.6 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
CCUG 46469	N/A	N/A	N/A	CCUG 26893	2.6 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
CCUG 64977	N/A	N/A	N/A	CCUG 26894	3.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	3/3
Aerobic bacteria						
				<i>Abiotrophia defectiva</i>	ATCC 49176	2.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Acinetobacter baumannii</i>	ATCC 19606	5.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Aeromonas hydrophila</i>	ATCC 7966	9.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Alcaligenes faecalis</i>	ATCC 15554	7.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	ATCC 13472	7.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Citrobacter freundii</i>	ATCC 8090	8.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Edwardsiella tarda</i>	ATCC 15947	8.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	ATCC 13048	5.3 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Enterobacter cloacae</i>	ATCC 13047	8.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Enterococcus faecalis vanB</i>	ATCC 51299	8.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Escherichia coli</i>	ATCC 23511	7.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Escherichia coli O157:H7</i>	ATCC 700927	1.1 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL
				<i>Plesiomonas shigelloides</i>	CCUG 26892	4.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Proteus mirabilis</i>	ATCC 25933	9.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Providencia alcalifaciens</i>	ATCC 9886	7.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	ATCC 10145	1.0 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL
				<i>Salmonella arizonae</i>	ATCC 13314	8.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Salmonella enterica</i>	ATCC 7001	6.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	ATCC 29630	1 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL
				<i>Serratia liquefaciens</i>	ATCC 27592	8.7 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Serratia marcescens</i>	ATCC 13880	8.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Shigella boydii</i>	ATCC 9207	8.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Shigella dysenteriae</i>	ATCC 11835	4.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Shigella flexneri</i>	ATCC 12022	1.0 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL
				<i>Shigella sonnei</i>	CCUG 26896	1.9 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	ATCC 43300	1.0 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL
				<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	ATCC 14990	6.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Streptococcus agalactiae</i>	ATCC 12973	1.0 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL
				<i>Vibrio parahaemolyticus</i>	ATCC 17802	5.5 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
Microaerophilic bacteria						
				<i>Campylobacter coli</i>	ATCC 43479	1.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL
				<i>Campylobacter jejuni</i>	ATCC 33292	1.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL

<i>Helicobacter pylori</i>	ATCC 43504	1.1 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
Anaerobic bacteria			
<i>Clostridium bifermentans</i>	ATCC 638	9.2 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Bacteroides fragilis</i>	ATCC 25285	1.1 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium haemolyticum</i>	ATCC 19398	1.1 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL	1/3
<i>Clostridium novyi</i>	ATCC 19402	7.8 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium orbiscindens</i>	ATCC 49531	4.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	ATCC 13124	1.2 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium scindens</i>	ATCC 35704	8.3 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium septicum</i>	ATCC 12464	9.6 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium sordellii</i>	ATCC 9714	2.3 x 10 ⁶ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium sporogenes</i>	ATCC 15579	1.2 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Clostridium tetani</i>	ATCC 19406	1.0 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Klebsiella oxytoca</i>	ATCC 33497	5.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Lactobacillus acidophilus</i>	ATCC 4356	8.9 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Peptostreptococcus anaerobius</i>	ATCC 27337	1.0 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Porphyromonas asaccharolytica</i>	ATCC 25260	6.9 x 10 ⁷ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Prevotella melaninogenica</i>	ATCC 25845	9.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Vibrio cholerae</i>	ATCC 14035	1.3 x 10 ⁹ cells/mL	0/3
<i>Yersinia enterocolitica</i>	ATCC 23715	9.0 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
Fungi			
<i>Candida albicans</i>	ATCC 10231	1.4 x 10 ⁸ cells/mL	0/3
Viruses			
Adenovirus	Zeptomatrix (Z) 0810084CF	1 x 10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Coxsackie virus	Z 0810074CF	1 x 10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Echovirus	Z 0810078CF	1 x 10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Rotavirus	Z 0810041CF	1 x 10 ⁷ TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Astrovirus	Z 0810275CF	1 x 10 ⁵ TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Cytomegalovirus	Z 0810003CF	1 x 10 ^{5.55} TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Norovirus Group I	Z 0810086CF	1 x 10 ^{5.39} TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Norovirus Group II	Z 0810087CF	1 x 10 ^{5.15} TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3
Enterovirus	Z 0810303CF	1 x 10 ^{6.34} TCID ₅₀ /mL	0/3

* Abbreviations used: ATCC, American Type Culture Collection; CCUG, Culture Collection, University of Göteborg, Sweden; TCID, Tissue culture infective dose.

Supplemental Table 2. Potential interference by common endogenous and exogenous substances when tested with the Singulex Clarity C. diff toxins A/B assay.

Interfering substance	Interfering substance concentration	Sample type (TcdA/TcdB concentration)	TcdA/TcdB concentration (mean, pg/mL)	Detected Events prime signal (mean)	Interference
Mucin	0 mg/mL	High-negative	0.53	558.63	No
	3.5 mg/mL		0.63	570.39	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	6.03	1189.35	
	3.5 mg/mL		5.83	1213.77	
Human blood/Hemoglobin	0% v/v	High-negative	1.85	712.11	No
	50% v/v		1.94	722.62	
	0% v/v	Low-positive	10.50	1772.38	
	50% v/v		9.72	1675.46	
Barium sulfate	0% w/v	High-negative	5.22	1113.47	No
	20% w/v		5.54	1152.80	
	0% w/v	Low-positive	18.33	2794.10	
	20% w/v		16.81	2593.97	
Loperamide HCl	0 mg/mL	High-negative	4.95	1079.26	No
	0.1 mg/mL		4.34	1005.78	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	18.32	2792.48	
	0.1 mg/mL		16.99	2618.37	
Bismuth subsalicylate	0% v/v	High-negative	4.23	994.09	No
	10% v/v		4.93	1077.64	
	0% v/v	Low-positive	17.52	2687.00	
	10% v/v		15.88	2472.25	
Lipids	0 mg/mL	High-negative	5.06	1092.79	No
	20 mg/mL		3.53	907.74	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	17.63	2701.70	
	20 mg/mL		14.71	2318.96	
Metronidazole	0 mg/mL	High-negative	-0.59	429.56	No
	12.5 mg/mL		-0.91	391.97	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	1.95	723.45	
	12.5 mg/mL		0.67	574.99	
	0 mg/mL	High-negative	6.25	1322.83	
	6.25 mg/mL		3.01	937.45	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	15.63	2486.64	
	6.25 mg/mL		14.61	2356.08	

	0 mg/mL	High-negative	2.80	913.41	
	3.125 mg/mL		4.43	1100.50	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	20.09	3055.49	
	3.125 mg/mL		19.36	2962.83	
Acetaminophen	0 µmol/mL	High-negative	3.70	927.96	No
	1.34 µmol/mL		3.69	926.62	
	0 µmol/mL	Low-positive	20.27	3048.87	
	1.34 µmol/mL		17.96	2744.96	
Ibuprofen	0 µmol/mL	High-negative	5.28	1120.30	No
	2.43 µmol/mL		5.89	1197.15	
	0 µmol/mL	Low-positive	17.21	2647.40	
	2.43 µmol/mL		17.50	2684.99	
Vancomycin	0 mg/mL	High-negative	2.71	811.17	No
	12.5 mg/mL		2.54	792.19	
	0 mg/mL	Low-positive	15.32	2399.07	
	12.5 mg/mL		14.13	2243.61	
Stearic acid: Palmitic acid 1:1 ratio	0% w/v	High-negative	1.28	742.51	No
	40% w/v		3.02	938.47	
	0% w/v	Low-positive	10.24	1743.20	No
	40% w/v		9.85	1690.80	

Supplemental Table 3. Quantitative analyses of the stability of *C. difficile* samples was performed using the Singulex Clarity *C. diff* toxins A/B assay in a) different storage conditions and time points, and b) after three freeze-thaw cycles.

a)

	TcdA/TcdB concentration (pg/mL)								
	20–25 °C		2–8 °C		-70°C				
	Day 0 (<4 Hours) Baseline	Day 0 (8 Hours)	Day 2	Week 1	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Month 3	Month 6
TcdA/TcdB- positive samples	1103.1	12403.8	8556.3	11328.2	14579.7	13558.6	13380.6	25696.3	14207.6
	4090.0	4111.7	7002.7	6278.8	6770.3	4792.4	6432.2	6463.2	6716.8
	15071.0	8560.1	4329.5	4348.5	7582.1	7402.2	10095.1	10932.7	7197.8
	3701.5	10469.2	3822.8	4981.9	4091.0	4447.7	4447.7	6036.6	4324.0
	19342.7	20330.2	25981.9	16145.2	30599.0	28072.2	16750.2	27298.4	23572.0
TcdA/TcdB- negative samples	-2.0	-1.5	6.5	-0.5	-3.0	-1.6	0.9	1.5	0.0
	-0.2	-0.5	0.2	0.2	-1.2	-2.1	1.4	7.1	0.5
	5.3	0.4	-2.4	-1.6	-1.5	-4.0	2.7	3.5	0.0
	-0.6	3.2	-1.6	-2.4	0.5	-0.5	0.2	2.0	0.0
	2.0	1.4	-2.0	-1.5	5.4	-2.9	0.1	0.7	0.1

b)

	TcdA/TcdB concentration (pg/mL)			
	Day 0 (<4 Hours) Baseline	First freeze-thaw	Second freeze-thaw	Third freeze-thaw
TcdA/TcdB- positive samples	1103.1	21112.4	12103.7	15288.9
	4090.0	6445.7	5591.3	6720.3
	15071.0	6189.4	5184.7	6009.7
	3701.5	4346.1	3751.7	3558.5
	19342.7	29124.9	20786.5	19587.2
TcdA/TcdB- negative samples	-2.0	-0.3	-1.2	-1.8
	-0.2	-0.7	-1.0	-1.1
	5.3	-2.5	-2.6	-2.7
	-0.6	-3.1	-2.2	-2.9
	2.0	-1.9	-0.9	-2.0

Supplemental Figure 1. *C. difficile* toxin concentration in stools containing 027 and non-027 strains.

